

THE LOATS FEMALE ORPHAN
ASYLUM OF FREDERICK CITY
IN THE COUNTY OF FREDERICK,
A BODY CORPORATE OF THE
STATE OF MARYLAND,
East Church Street
Frederick, Maryland

vs.

FLORENCE L. ESSOM,
Westminster, Maryland
AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES, DES-
CENDANTS OR SUCCESSORS
OF JOHN LOATS, DECEASED,
AND OF LOUIS LOATS, DECEASED

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ANSWER OF MARION ELIZABETH STERNER GAMBRELL

TO THE HONORABLE; THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The Answer of Marion Elizabeth Sterner Gambrell, one of the heirs at law, devisees, descendants and successors of John Loats, deceased, Defendant, by Leroy W. Preston, her solicitor, to the bill of complaint of The Loats Female Orphan Asylum of Frederick City, in the County of Frederick, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, filed against her and others in this Court and answering the same herein respectfully says:

1. That John Loats died on December 29, 1889 leaving surviving him as his only heirs at law, ten children of whom one was Mary A. Sterner who died in the year 1901 leaving surviving her four children among whom was Alfred L. Sterner, Sr. who died on February 1, 1952 leaving surviving him as his only heirs at law six children among whom one is your Respondent, the said Marion Elizabeth Sterner Gambrell, who now resides at 64 Weald Lane, Harrow Weald, Middlesex, England; furthermore, your Respondent says that she is a direct descendant and one of the heirs of John Loats, deceased, and files her answer herein pursuant to the order of publication of this Honorable Court dated October 31, 1957 wherein the unknown heirs, devisees, personal representatives, descendants or successors of John Loats, deceased, were sued.

2. That she admits all the matters and facts set forth and alleged